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SUBJECT: CCD: SECOND AND THIRD MEETINGS OF THIRD ROUND

OF AD HOC SEISMIC EXPERTS GROUP, TUESDAY,

APRIL 26, 1977

1. SECOND MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY MORNING TO DISCUSS
SECTION 5 OF REPORT, DATA EXCHANGE BETWEEN SELECTED STATIONS
AND DATA CENTERS. NO SERIOUS DISAGREEMENTS WERE ENCOUNTERED
AND THERE WAS GENERAL CONSENSUS ON CONTENT REFLECTING SOME
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AMALGAMATION OF INPUTS FROM SEVERAL DELEGATIONS. SCIENTIFIC
SECRETARY WILL PREPARE DRAFT. NEW ZEALAND EXPERT (ADAMS)
QUESTIONED WHETHER IT WAS NECESSARY FOR A STATION OF NETWORK
TO REPORT ON ALL EVENTS. HE NOTED IN THIS RESPECT LARGE
NUMBER OF SMALL EARTHQUAKES IN NEW ZEALAND, AND COMPLAINED
OF EFFORT TO REPORT ALL. NO ONE ELSE PICKED THIS UP, THOUGH,
AND IN PRIVATE DISCUSSION, MATTER WAS EXPLAINED. FINALLY,

UK EXPERT (THIRLAWAY) SUMMARIZED SECTION 6 OF REPORT, FOR WHICH HE WAS CONVENER. DISCUSSION WAS POSTPONED TO AFTERNOON MEETING.

2. THIRD MEETING WAS HELD TUESDAY AFTERNOON TO DISCUSS SECTION 6 OF REPORT, DATA CENTERS FOR DETECTION AND LOCATION OF SEISMIC EVENTS AND FOR REDUCTION OF IDENTIFICATION PARAMETERS. DISCUSSION CONCENTRATED PRIMARILY ON TWO ISSUES: NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CENTERS AND EXTENT TO WHICH CENTER OR CENTERS SHOULD PROCESS DATA. WITH RESPECT TO NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CENTERS, SOVIET EXPERT (PASSETCHNIK) TOOK VIEW (EXPRESSED IN LAST ROUND) THAT THERE SHOULD BE MORE THAN ONE. OTHERS TOOK THE VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE ONLY ONE. US EXPERT (FILSON) PROPOSED THAT GROUP SHOULD NOT DECIDE ON QUESTION BUT DISCUSS NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING THAT OF NO INTERNATIONAL CENTERS (I.E., NATIONAL CENTERS ONLY, LINKED IN A DATA EXCHANGE NETWORK). THE IDEA OF CONSIDERING A DATA EXCHANGE SYSTEM WITH NO INTERNATIONAL CENTER WAS STRONGLY CRITICIZED AND FOUND FAVOR FROM NO ONE. SOVIET EXPERT WAS STRONGEST IN CRITICISM. SOVIET EXPERT WAS ALSO OPPOSED TO INCLUSION OF DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVES, CLAIMED NO ONE WAS IN FAVOR OF SINGLE INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CENTER, AND SAID GROUP SHOULD ARRIVE AT CONSENSUS. HE SAID DECISION SHOULD BE MADE ON PURELY TECHNICAL GROUNDS. ONLY TECHNICAL REASON ADVANCED FOR MORE THAN ONE CENTER WAS THAT OF REDUNDANCY TO INSURE AGAINST AN ACCIDENT HAPPENING TO ONE CENTER. NO DECISION ON SUBJECT COULD BE REACHED AND IT WAS AGREED TO DISCUSS IT PRIVATELY DURING REST OF WEEK, AND, IF NOT SETTLED, TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXTEND DISCUSSION TO NEXT ROUND.

3. THE DISCUSSION OF PROCESSING OF SEISMIC DATA BY INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CENTER LED TO AGREEMENT ON NUMBER OF POINTS, BUT LEFT SOME UNRESOLVED. IT WAS AGREED THAT CENTERS SHOULD NOT SCREEN EVENTS. CENTERS WOULD DETERMINE HYPOCENTERS OF EVENTS AND DEPTHS, WITH CALCULATED ERRORS, AND ORGANIZE DATA. ALL DATA WOULD BE SENT TO NATIONAL SEISMIC CENTERS (BUT SEE PARA 4). IDENTIFICATION WOULD BE FUNCTION OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENTS. HOWEVER, SWEDISH EXPERT (DAHLMAN) ALSO WANTED CENTER TO PROCESS DATA TO ARRIVE AT IDENTIFICATION PARAMETERS. NETHERLANDS REP (MEERBURG) SAID THAT CENTERS SHOULD BE ABLE ON REQUEST BY A NATIONAL GOVERNMENT TO IDENTIFY AN EVENT. THIS IDEA FOUND NO FAVOR. AT THIS TIME THERE IS STILL NO AGREEMENT ON EXTENT TO WHICH CENTER SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROCESS DATA FOR IDENTIFICATION PARAMETERS.

4. DURING COURSE OF DISCUSSION, SOVIET EXPERT TOOK STRONG VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO MENTION OF NATIONAL SEISMIC

CENTERS IN REPORT. HE CLAIMED THAT THIS INTRODUCED POLITICAL
ELEMENT IN REPORT. REFERENCE SHOULD BE ONLY TO STATES
PARTY TO THE CTB AGREEMENT. THE CHAIRMAN (ERICSSON-SWEDEN)
MADE POINT THAT NATIONAL SEISMIC CENTERS ONLY REPRESENTED
POINTS OF CONTACT BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL SEISMIC CENTER AND
PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. FUNCTIONS OF NATIONAL SEISMIC
CENTER WOULD BE UP TO NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. THERE WAS NO
RESOLUTION OF THIS ISSUE WITH SOVIET EXPERT AT TIME MEETING
. SORENSON

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